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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments of the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the results of the special town meeting held on September 14, 2021 and the special election held on September 21, 2021 in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4211), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, October 18.

Leicester,—
special
elections.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Interim Report.

An interim report of the joint special committee established (under House order No. 66 of 2021) to make an investigation and study of a new division of the Commonwealth into Congressional districts, forty Senatorial districts, eight Councillor districts and one hundred and sixty Representative districts (House, No. 4210), was referred to the committee on Rules.

Redistricting.

Subsequently Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported on the foregoing special report, a Bill relative to establishing Representative districts in the General Court (printed in House, No. 4210). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peake of Provincetown, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a fiscal year 2021 fourth quarter Federal Grants Report;

Federal
grants.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Workforce Training Fund Program (WTFP) (see Section 2RR of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2021;

Workforce
Training Fund.

From the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (see item 4120-0200 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting an activities report of independent living centers for fiscal year 2020; and

Independent living centers.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 32 of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its 2020 report relative to companies that write homeowners, condominium and renters coverage regarding certain dog claim information;

Dog claim information.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Department of Environmental Protection (under Section 3 of Chapter 21I of the General Laws) relative to the Toxics Use Reduction Act activities and accomplishments for the year 2019;

Toxics use reduction activities.

Of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (under Section 15 of Chapter 23I of the General Laws) submitting financial statements and reports required for audits performed in accordance with government auditing standards for the fiscal years ended on June 30, 2021 and 2020 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, as required by said law];

Life Sciences Center,— audits.

Of the Office of the Norfolk District Attorney (under Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) stating that said office had no expenditures from Trust Fund Account 0340-0717 in FY2021;

Norfolk D.A.— driving under fund.

Of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (under Section 10 of Chapter 221A of the General Laws) submitting a report for fiscal year 2021;

Legal assistance.

Of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (under Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020) on the activity, revenue and expenditures to and from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund in fiscal year 2021; and

Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund.

Of the Massachusetts Port Authority (under item 6720-1340 of Section 2C of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2016) submitting for fiscal year 2021 a list of improvements at the Paul W. Conley Terminal [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, as required by said law];

Port Authority,— Conley Terminal.

Reports

Of the special commission established (see Section 97 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to study and make recommendations to establish a statewide licensing process for home care agencies in the Commonwealth; and

Home care agencies,— licensing.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (see Section 2 of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the monthly report the number of actions for summary process entered and filed with each court having jurisdiction over an action for summary process for the month of August, 2021;

Trial Court,— summary process.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4207) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) relative to ranked choice voting in the town of Arlington. To the committee on Election Laws.

Arlington,— ranked choice voting.

By Ms. Uyterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4208) of Erika Uyterhoeven and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a program to provide certain tenants and entities the right to purchase the residential property in which the tenants reside when that residential property is being offered for sale. To the committee on Housing.

Somerville,—
right to
purchase.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4209) of Erika Uyterhoeven and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the definition of domestic partners as spouses and dependents for employees of the city of Somerville. To the committee on Public Service.

Somerville,—
domestic
partners.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adrian C. Madaro for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maria A. Conti, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Maria A.
Conti,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Philips of Sharon, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward R. Philips and Steven J. D'Addieco for legislation to designate the Eastern Brook Trout as the official freshwater fish of the Commonwealth.

Official
freshwater
fish.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward R. Philips for legislation to establish an advisory commission (including members of the General Court) on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

STEM
advisory
panel.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Jeffrey Rosario Turco (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to transfer an easement in certain property and the fee in certain properties to the city of Revere all for municipal purposes. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Revere,—
easement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jay D. Livingstone relative to authorizing local control of waste collection hours of operation. To the committee on Public Health.

Waste
collection.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peake of Provincetown, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Arlington (see House, No. 3754);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of Gary Stone, a member of the fire department of the town (see House, No. 3854, amended); and

Authorizing the town of Whatley to continue the employment of William Smith, a member of the fire department of the town (see House, No. 3855, amended);
(Which severally originated in the House);
Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills
Relative to the department of public works in the town of Westborough (House, No. 3918); and
Restoring an increase in the membership of the board of health in the city of Framingham (House, No. 4084);
Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.